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SINCE we wrote our first preface, ten years ago, this magazine has passed through a career of a length seldom reached by anthropological publications in this country. When we look back upon our course from the first beginning, we are struck with the progress which has been made, and the great number of uses which have been effected. In presenting this volume to the public, there are more than the usual causes for congratulation, inasmuch as in interest and instruction it supersedes all its predecessors. We venture to state that the present volume contains a collection of facts and teachings the like of which is not to be found in the whole range of literature. This assertion is not made boastingly, but in justice to those gentlemen through whose industry and genius it has been possible to collect such an instructive miscellany. Their work has been a labour of love, proceeding from the spontaneous impulses of minds devoted to the interests of science and the welfare of humanity. For their work our acknowledgments are not alone due, but also the thanks of numerous readers who have during the year feasted their minds upon the banquet which has been so abundantly placed before them. We heartily thank our contributors for their conscientious and generous services, and hope they will never see any cause to regret the many hours which they must have spent in the laborious researches which have led to the contents of this volume.

To our readers our acknowledgments are also due. While in literary matters this volume supersedes all others, it has also been progressively popular from the appearance of the first number; and HUMAN NATURE closes upon the eleventh year of its existence in a far higher tide of prosperity than has ever attended upon it at any time in the past.

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